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title: Need to decongest the National Highway Nos. 66 and 766 at Calicut in Kerala.

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE): Calicut is an emerging city. Two National Highways namely NH-66 and NH-766 pass through this city. One of the oldest known cities, this is a major city connecting Kerala with Karnataka through Mysore as well as Mangalore apart from the hill station of Waynad and other places in the state. The erstwhile mini-byepass at Eranjipalam has now become a bottleneck for road users with vehicle congestion resulting in traffic jams for hours together affecting long distance passengers as well as local movement.

It is, therefore, urged that the Eranjipalam Junction may be provided with a Grade Separator under the Sethubharatham or the Road Safety Scheme. The expected cost is Rs. 35 Crore.

Similarly, the Calicut Byepass with 28 Kms is the only stretch where 45 metre land has been acquired in Kerala. The tender process for four lanning on this byepass should commence immediately.